

**1 In the claims:**

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 7 and 8.

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Please cancel claim 29.

Please delete claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 25 and 30 and replace as follows:

10 1. (Once amended) A livestock pen for transporting livestock by rail, truck or on a container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:

15 a. a platform based container open sided, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open sided with other said standardized freight containers, and said platform based container open sided being rectangular in shape; [and]

20 b. a plurality of panels erected on and connected to said platform based container open sided, creating an enclosed area on said rectangular platform based container open sided for containing livestock; and

25 c. an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosed area, said impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said panels a selected distance for containing waste produced by said livestock.

30 2. (Once amended) A livestock pen for transporting livestock by rail, truck or on a container ship with other standardized freight containers, comprising:

35 a. a platform based container open sided, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open sided with other said

- 1 standardized freight containers, and said platform based container  
open sided being rectangular in shape;
- 5 b. at least one panel erected on said platform based container open  
sided such that an enclosed area on said platform based container  
open sided for containing livestock exists;
- c. an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosed area, said  
impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said  
enclosed area a selected distance for containing waste produced by  
said livestock.
- 10 3. (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:
- a. said platform based container open sided comprises:
1. a base having a top and a bottom,
  2. a perimeter extending around said top of said base,  
15 defined by two side edges and two end edges,
  3. said side edges and said end edges meeting at four  
corners,
  4. said rectangular platform based container open sided  
having four posts of equal height, attached to said base, located  
20 at said four corners and extending from said top of said base,
  5. said posts together with said two side edges and said  
two end edges defining four perimeter planar areas extending  
perpendicular to said base and from said top of said base at said  
perimeter of said base,
  - 25 6. at least one of said perimeter planar areas being open to the  
air during transit of said rectangular platform based container  
open sided; and wherein
- b. at least one of said plurality of panels erected on and connected  
to said rectangular platform based container open sided, creating an  
30 enclosed area on said rectangular platform based container open sided  
for containing livestock, extends across said one of said four perimeter  
planar areas open to said air and extending perpendicular to said base.
4. (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein:
- 35 a. said platform based container open sided comprises:
1. a base having a top and a bottom,

- 1            2.     a perimeter extending around said top of said base,  
              defined by two side edges and two end edges,  
              3.     said side edges and said end edges meeting at four  
              corners,  
5            4.     said rectangular platform based container open sided  
              having four posts of equal height, attached to said base, located  
              at said four corners and extending from said top of said base,  
              5.     said posts together with said two side edges and said  
              two end edges defining four perimeter planar areas extending  
10           perpendicular to said base and from said top of said base at said  
              perimeter of said base,  
              6.     at least one of said perimeter planar areas being open to  
              the air during transit of said rectangular platform based  
              container open sided; and wherein  
15           b.     said at least one panel erected on said rectangular platform  
              based container open sided such that an enclosed area on said  
              rectangular platform based container open sided for containing  
              livestock exists, extends across said one of said four perimeter planar  
              areas open to said air and extending perpendicular to said base.  
20           13.    (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 1, wherein:  
              one of said panels is formed with a flange hook that anchors said  
              panel to said rectangular platform based container open sided.  
25           25.    (Once amended) The livestock pen of claim 2, wherein said panel  
              comprises:  
              a.     a frame having a top and a bottom; and  
              b.     a flange hook mounted to the bottom of said frame that anchors  
              said panel to said rectangular platform based container open sided.  
30           30.    (Once amended) A method of transporting livestock, comprising:  
              a.     erecting an enclosure on a platform based container open sided  
              with panels, said platform based container open sided lacking rigid side  
              walls and having a base similar to that of a platform container, said  
35           platform based container open sided being formed with corner fittings  
              to allow stacking of said rectangular platform based container open

- 1 sided with other said standardized freight containers, and said platform  
based container open sided being rectangular in shape, said enclosure  
having an impermeable membrane installed in said enclosure, said  
impermeable membrane covering said base and extending up said  
5 enclosure a selected distance for containing waste produced by said  
livestock;
- b. loading livestock into said enclosure;
- c. loading said platform based container with said livestock onto a  
means of transport;
- 10 d. moving said means of transport;
- e. unloading said livestock from said enclosure.
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